Embassy of the United States of America
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

EMERGENCY MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Closure of U.S. Embassy and Consulates
August 4, 2013

The Department of State has instructed certain U.S. Embassies and Consulates to close for days not previously scheduled as holidays. Therefore, the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh and Consulates General in Dhahran and Jeddah will be closed from Monday, August 5, through Wednesday, August 14. These Embassies and Consulates will continue to provide emergency American citizen services. As previously noted, the Department has been apprised of information that, out of an abundance of caution and care for our employees and others who may be visiting our installations, indicates we should institute these precautionary steps. The current list of Temporary Post Closures and the text of the World Wide Travel Alert can be found at www.travel.state.gov.

The Department, when conditions warrant, takes steps like this to balance our continued operations with security and safety considerations. However, beyond this announcement we do not discuss specific threat information, security considerations or measures, or other steps we may be taking.

We recommend U.S. citizens register their travel plans with the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website. We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling abroad enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Internet website at travel.state.gov where the Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. Download our free Smart Traveler app, available through iTunes or Google Play, to have travel information at your fingertips.

In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

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U.S. Consulate General Dhahran
Between KFUPM and King Abdulaziz Airbase, Dhahran
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U.S. Consulate General Jeddah
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